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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AIRFORCE ATTACKS PALESTINIAN BASE IN LEBANON

REF: TEL AVIV 9891

1. ISRAEL MILITARY RADIO REPORTED AT 1510 GMT
THAT ISRAELI AIR FORCE ATTACKED PALESTINIAN CAMPS
NORTH OF LITANI RIVER IN RESPONSE TO BOMBING AT
TEL AVIV'S CARMEL MARKET EARLIER TODAY (REFTEL).
AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP) REPORT CITES "OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE"
CONFIRMING ATTACK.

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2. TEXT OF RADIO BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: ISRAEL AIR FORCE PLANES ATTACKED AT NOON (SIC)
TODAY TERRORIST TARGETS NORTH OF THE LITANI RIVER.
ALL OUR PLANES RETURNED SAFELY TO THEIR BASE. THE
AREA THAT WAS ATTACKED IS TODAY UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE
CONTROL OF THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND A LARGE
PART OF THEIR PERSONNEL IS CONCENTRATED THERE. THE

TERRORISTS LIVE THERE IN CAMPS WITH THEIR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING HEAVY ARMS.

THE BASE THAT WAS ATTACKED IS (DAHR AT-TUTA), ABOUT 500 METERS WEST OF THE RIVER AZ-ZAHRANI. THE ACTION IS IN CONFORMITY WITH IDF POLICY TO STRIKE AT TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AT ANY TIME NECESSITY DICTATES. END TEXT.

3. TEXT OF AFP TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: TEL AVIV, AUG 3 (AFP) -- ISRAELI AIRCRAFT TODAY ATTACKED A PALESTINIAN MILITARY CAMP IN SOUTHERN LEBANON IN REPRISAL OF THIS MORNING'S BOMB EXPLOSION IN A TEL AVIV MARKET, IT WAS ANNOUNCED.

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SAID THE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE CAMP AT (DAHR AT TURA), 15 KMS (10 MILES) SOUTH OF SIDON IN SOUTHERN LEBANON THIS AFTERNOON.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WOULD PUNISH TERRORIST ACTIONS AND PURSUE THEIR AUTHORS WHEREVER THEY WERE.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE PALESTINIAN BASE WAS A TRAINING CAMP FOR TERRORISTS, FROM WHICH OPERATIONS WERE LAUNCHED AGAINST ISRAEL.

MILITARY CIRCLES HERE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION FATAH HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING AS SOON AS IT WAS ANNOUNCED.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME FOR SEVERAL YEARS THAT ISRAELI UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRISALS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SO QUICKLY, ONLY A FEW HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK OF TEL AVIV'S CARMEL MARKET.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES MEANWHILE SAID THAT NO ONE HAD DIED IN THE BOMBING -- EARLIER POLICE SAID ONE PERSON WAS KILLED -- BUT THAT ABOUT 50 PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED, FOUR OF THEM VERY SERIOUSLY. (END TEXT)

4. FURTHER INFORMATION ON PLANE ATTACK FOLLOWS.

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